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In re Application of:
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Application No. 09/823,089
Filed: March 29, 2001
For: **INTEGRATED NETWORK FOR
MONITORING REMOTE OBJECTS**

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**DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL**

This is a decision on the Petition To Make Special under MPEP 708.02, XI: Invention for Countering Terrorism, filed December 23, 2002.

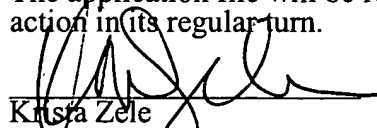
A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), and in accordance with MPEP 708.02, XI, for an invention which contributes to the countering of terrorism, must include the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i). The petition must also be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism. Examples of the types of technology for countering terrorism are set forth in MPEP 708.02, XI as including, but not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems. While a grantable petition is not limited to these examples, all of the examples act to directly counter terrorism. Clearly, the intent of the examples is that in order to be accorded special status, it must be clear how the disclosed invention of a particular application directly relates to the countering of terrorism.

The statements made in the petition do not show how the object surveillance system of the instant application directly contributes to the countering of terrorism. While petitioner states that in his opinion, the present application contributes to countering terrorism; there is no explanation of how the disclosed invention of this application in particular, directly relates to the countering of terrorism. Rather, the petition sets forth a general description of a method of object surveillance that monitors an object, determines its location and stores the location in a database and a digital monitoring system that includes a plurality of detectors; without any particular description of how this disclosed subject matter would directly counter terrorism. The statements provided are not seen as sufficient to accord special status to this application inasmuch as it is unclear how the disclosed subject matter of the instant application operates to "counter terrorism".

Accordingly, the petition is **DENIED**.

Petitioner is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this decision to request reconsideration and supplement the original petition as appropriate.

The application file will be returned to the Technology Center's central files storage area to await action in its regular turn.


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